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## **Preliminary: U.S. Imports for Consumption of Steel Products October 2015**

The U.S. Census Bureau announced today that preliminary October steel imports were \$2.0 billion (2.7 million metric tons) compared to the preliminary September totals of \$2.0 billion (2.5 million metric tons).

The October change in steel imports based on metric tonnage reflected increases primarily in blooms, billets, and slabs. Decreases occurred primarily in plates cut lengths, cold rolled sheets, and tin plates. Increases occurred primarily with Brazil. Decreases occurred primarily with China, Germany, and Russia.

The year to date final statistics through September 2015 showed steel imports of 28.0 million metric tons compared with 29.5 million metric tons through September 2014. The largest commodity decreases occurred primarily in blooms, billets, and slabs. Increases occurred primarily in line pipe; reinforcing bars; and hot dipped sheets and galvanized strip. The largest country decreases occurred primarily with Russia. Increases occurred primarily with Turkey, Brazil, and Germany.

### **Notes:**

**The data in this report are preliminary and subject to revisions.**

*Analysis of recent months for steel product imports indicates the value of preliminary data should equal about 96 percent of the final value reported in the regular monthly trade statistics report. Preliminary data reported for individual steel categories and at the individual country of origin level have been less consistently predictive of the final data reported in the regular monthly trade statistics. For further details, visit our web site at [www.census.gov/trade](http://www.census.gov/trade). On the website, you can access product by country and country by product tables.*

*The next release is December 23, 2015.*